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INCENTIVE TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for providing incentive to the farmers of agriculture oriented States particularly of Bihar so that they are attracted towards Agriculture Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme `National Food Security Mission (NFSM)` has been approved to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses during the XI Five Year Plan with three components viz. National Food Security Mission-Rice (NFSM-Rice), National Food Security Mission − Wheat (NFSM-Wheat) and National Food Security Mission- Pulses (NFSM-Pulses). The NFSM is to be implemented in identified districts of 16 States including Bihar. Under the Mission, assistance for critical inputs such as seeds, micro- nutrients, Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Integrated Pest Management (IPM), sprinkler, pumpsets and transfer of technology through demonstrations and farmers` training etc. is provided.

In addition, Government of India has also approved `Additional Central Assistance Scheme (ACA)` to incentivise the States to increase agricultural funding for enhancing agricultural production and productivity. The States are to prepare State and district agricultural plan for their agricultural sector taking agro-climatic conditions, natural resources, and technology into account, and integrated livestock, poultry and fisheries more comprehensively and to ensure the base line share of agriculture and allied sector in its total State plan expenditure to avail the assistance under Additional Central Assistance Scheme (ACA). All States/UTs including Bihar are eligible for assistance under the scheme.